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**PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT  
BASED ON EXAMINER'S FAILURE TO RECEIVE  
RCE FILED BY APPLICANT**

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Hon. Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner to withdraw the holding of abandonment in the above-identified application based on the

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failure of the U.S.P.T.O. to deliver applicants' Request for Continued Examination (RCE) to Examiner Vu.

On April 29, 2003 applicants filed, by facsimile transmission to Technology Center 2800, an RCE, a response to the final Office Action dated December 31, 2002, and a request for a one-month extension of time. On the same day, April 29, 2003, the U.S.P.T.O. acknowledged receipt of applicants' faxed transmission. On or about August 13, 2003, attorney-of-record David C. Ripma received a Notice of Abandonment from the U.S.P.T.O., mailed August 12, 2003. Mr. Ripma spoke with Examiner Vu on August 19, 2003 and Mr. Vu said he had never received the RCE filed on April 29, 2003. Mr. Vu recommended that this Petition be filed.

In support of this Petition applicants herewith attach 21 pages as an attachment. The attachment includes the following:

(1) A copy of the "Auto-Reply Facsimile Transmission" (one page) received from the U.S.P.T.O. on April 29, 2003 indicating receipt by the U.S.P.T.O. of applicants' 19-page RCE and Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 CFR 1.136(a).

(2) A copy of the transmission sheet (one page) printed by Mr. Ripma's fax machine indicating that 19 pages were sent to fax number 703 872-9319 (the "after final" number for Technology Center 2800) on April 29, 2003.

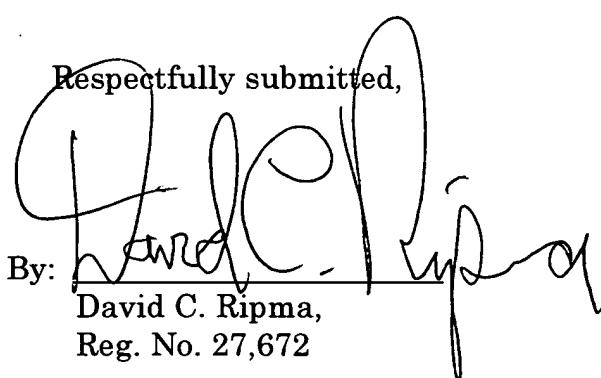
(3) A copy of the 19-page transmission sent to the U.S.P.T.O. on April 29, 2003, including an RCE, a response to the final Office Action of December 31, 2002, and a petition for a one-month extension of time.

In view of the foregoing applicants respectfully petition the Commission to withdraw the abandonment of the above-identified application and to proceed with examination thereof.

Should the Examiner have any questions, please call Mr. Ripma at (360) 834-8754.

- The Commission is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 19-1457 in the amount of \$130.00 to cover the petition fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(h). A duplicate copy of this authorization is enclosed.
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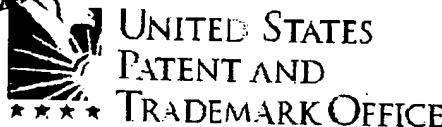
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Applicant(s): Wei Pan, Yoshi Ono, David R. Evans & Sheng Teng Hsu				
Serial No 09/819,296	Filing Date March 27, 2001	Examiner Hung K. Vu	Group Art Unit 2811	
Invention: Multi-Layered Barrier Metal Thin Films for Cu Interconnect by ALCVD				
TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:				
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.				
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